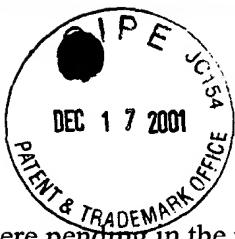


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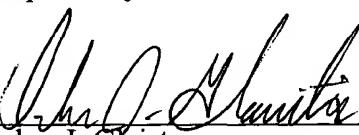
Claims 1-20 were pending in the present application. In a Response to Restriction Requirement submitted concurrently herewith, Claims 1-9 are elected, with traverse. Upon entry of the Response to Restriction Requirement, claims 10-20 will be withdrawn from consideration. By virtue of this response, claims 1 and 9 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-9 are currently under examination.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**".

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In the claims:

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended, as follows:

1. (Once amended) An isolated and purified recombinant adenoviral vector, said vector comprising:

an adenoviral genome from which the E1A/E1B genes have been deleted;

a transgene coding for a stress related factor which is a heat shock protein [or the adenosine A3 receptor]; and

a promoter operably linked to said transgene, wherein expression of the transgene is controlled by said promoter.

9. (Once amended) The method of claim 5, wherein said stress related factor is selected from the group consisting of HSP70i, HSP27, HSP40, and HSP60[, and the adenosine A3 receptor].